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CHARTER

OF THE

AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.



AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

SECTION I.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly, met: and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that Francis Welles of the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin*, G. Wharton Hamersly of the Germantown *Daily Chronicle*, Alexander Cummings of the Philadelphia *Day*, W. J. Koontz of the Pittsburgh *Evening Mail*, R. P. Nevin of the Pittsburgh *Evening Leader*, Sidney Dean of the Providence *Morning Star*, Robert Johnston of the New York *Evening Mail*, Benjamin Wood of the New York *Daily News*, Joseph Howard, Jr., of the

New York *Star*, Feodore Mierson of the *New Yorker Journal*, Robert C. Dunham of the *Boston Times*, Frederich Schwedler of the New York *Demokrat*, Jas. H. Lambert of the New York *Daily Democrat*, L. G. Matthews of the *Louisville Ledger*, and such other persons as may be associated with them and their successors, be, and are hereby created, a corporate body politic, by the name, style, and title of the AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, and by such name and title, shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded; and shall have power to purchase, hold, grant and receive in its corporate name, property, real, personal, and mixed; and as such Association, shall have authority to have, and use a common seal, and the same to change, alter and amend at pleasure; and the said Association may make all needful rules and regulations and by-laws for the well-ordering of the business and affairs thereof, and to elect or appoint such officers and agents, and open such offices in any part of the United States or foreign countries, as may by them be deemed necessary. The said Association shall have authority also to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Direc-

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tors, at such time and place, and under such regulations as they may, by their by-laws, prescribe.

SECTION II.

THAT the business of said Association shall be to collect, receive, and distribute news to the newspaper press, and to persons or corporations for public or private use, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and the said Association shall have power to print, publish, issue, and dispose of such newspapers, books, pamphlets, maps and literary productions as may be deemed expedient.

SECTION III.

THAT the said Association may, if they deem it necessary, issue capital stock to the amount of two hundred shares of par value of one hundred dollars each, with power to increase the same if they may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of the Association; and they may also issue certificates of indebtedness, bearing such rate of interest as they may deem proper, payable at such time after the date thereof, as the parties receiving the same may assent to.

SECTION IV.

THAT the Directors of the said Association shall have power to exact bonds if they deem them necessary, with sureties from any or all of their employees for the faithful discharge of their duties.

SECTION V.

THAT the said Association shall pay a bonus into the Treasury of the Commonwealth of one-fourth of one per centum on its capital stock, when issued, and upon any increase thereof in the manner prescribed by existing laws, and such taxes on dividends as are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law.

JAMES H. WEBB,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED the twenty-eighth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

JOHN W. GEARY.

BY-LAWS

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BY-LAWS.

I.

THE capital stock of the Association shall consist of 400 shares of \$100 each.

II.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, to be elected at the annual meeting of the Association in February of each year; but no person shall be an officer of this Association (the Secretary excepted), who is not a newspaper publisher, or partner in some newspaper publishing firm, receiving and printing the news of this Association.

III.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association; shall call special meetings when necessary, or upon request of five members, and shall ex-

ercise a general supervision of the affairs of the Association.

IV.

The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President.

V.

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, and keep a record of its proceedings.

VI.

The Treasurer shall keep the books of the Association; shall receive and disburse all its funds, under direction of the Board of Directors, and shall, if required by the Board, give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties.

VII.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and not more than seven elective members; and three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

It shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall be charged with the collection and distribution of the news of the Association.

It shall fix the rates of tolls, and regulate the sale of the news. It shall appoint, control, suspend, or dismiss all agents or subordinates, and shall make a report of the state of the Association to the annual meeting of the stockholders.

VIII.

Every member holding not less than ten shares of stock, shall be entitled to receive the news of the Association, under such regulations and conditions, as shall be from time to time, prescribed by the Board of Directors, and each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock represented by him at any meeting of the Association.

IX.

The certificates of stock shall be in the following form:

No. NEW YORK, 187

This certifies that is the owner of shares, of one hundred dollars each, in the capital stock of the AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, transferable only on the books of the Association upon the surrender of this certificate at the office of the Treasurer.

The certificates of stock shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and countersigned by the Treasurer.

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These By-Laws may be amended or altered by a vote of two-thirds, at any regular meeting of the Association, held after 30 days' notice, or by the unanimous consent of the members.

Adopted Feb. 20, 1872.



